



# ADS 201



# Overview

- ADS 201 specifies planning policies and responsibilities
- 2 environmental aspects
  - Technical analysis for operating unit strategic plans
  - Pre-obligation requirements in activity planning



# Operating unit strategic plans

- Environmental analysis is a required component of country-level operating unit strategic plans (201.3.4.11)
- 2 elements
  - Actions necessary to conserve biological diversity
  - Extent to which actions proposed meet these needs



# Operating unit strategic plans

- If the country in question lies IN ANY PART within the tropics, analysis must ALSO include:
  - Analyses of actions necessary to achieve conservation and sustainable management of tropic forests
  - Extent to which proposed actions meet these needs



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- Environmental Review (201.3.6.3b)
  - Request for CE, IEE, or EA (as appropriate under Reg 216) must be completed and approved by BEO PRIOR to obligation of funds



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- Adequate environmental review includes:
- Detailed description & analysis of planned interventions
  - Mitigative measures
  - Public participation



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

"If Operating Units do not allocate resources and [conduct environmental review] at the pre-obligation planning stage, they must, at minimum, ensure proper environmental review prior to disbursement and be prepared to modify activities if necessary, in accordance with the USAID Environmental Procedure."



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- **Biosafety.** Particular requirements apply to environmental review of activities involving GMOS





# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- Use of GMOs in research, field trials, or dissemination, must be reviewed and approved for compliance by the Agency Biosafety Officer
  - prior to obligation of funds
  - prior to transfer, testing, or release of biotechnology products into the environment
- Budget adequate time for the approval process



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- Operating Units and Strategic Objective Teams are responsible for budgeting adequate time in the design process for biosafety review
- Biosafety review can not be waived or delegated to the field.



# Activity Planning: Pre-Obligation Requirements

- Additional biosafety guidance is under development –
  - until then consult directly with Agency biosafety staff based in G/PHN and the Center for Economic Growth and Agricultural Development, Office of Agriculture and Food Security (G/EGAD/AFS) or the Agency Environmental Coordinator

